

1                                   **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118**

2            (By Delegates Boggs, Smith, Walker, Staggers, Perry, Pino,  
3                                   Talbott and Sigler)

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5 Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to conduct  
6        a feasibility study for a proposed multi-county ATV trail  
7        system in Central West Virginia.

8        WHEREAS, The study area is to include the seven central West  
9 Virginia counties of Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, Lewis, Calhoun,  
10 Nicholas and Webster; and

11        WHEREAS, These counties are very similar to the Hatfield-McCoy  
12 region in that their economic base has dwindled substantially,  
13 resulting in significant economic hardship, due to the loss of  
14 natural resource-based industry. Each area can benefit greatly from  
15 the successful introduction of well-managed recreational based  
16 tourism. Each area has vast networks of residual trail systems from  
17 natural resource extraction activities. Each region is located  
18 within a day's drive of large population centers and in areas where  
19 there is a relative shortage of motorized trail-related  
20 opportunities; and

21        WHEREAS, This provides a great opportunity for the successful  
22 development and expansion of motorized-use trails. These regions  
23 also include large areas of privately-owned land where well-managed  
24 trail facilities could exist without hurting the land owners  
25 interests; therefore, be it

26        *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1        That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby  
2 requested to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed multi-  
3 county ATV trail system in Central West Virginia; and, be it

4        *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and  
5 Finance shall work with the Rahall Appalachian Transportation  
6 Institute as they were instrumental in researching and developing  
7 the Hatfield-McCoy Regional Recreation Authority; and, be it

8        *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and  
9 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on  
10 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts  
11 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;  
12 and, be it

13        *Further Resolved*, That any costs associated with any work  
14 conducted by the Rahall Appalachian Transportation Institute and  
15 any other expenses necessary to conduct this study, to prepare a  
16 report and to draft necessary legislation be paid from legislative  
17 appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.